

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction and an election of species.

Applicants elect Group I. Claim 44 has been rewritten as new claim 49 so as to be limited to the elected compounds. The Examiner will note that the dotted lines of formula (Ia) have been removed.

Former claim 45 is presented as new claim 50.

Former claim 46 is presented as new claim 51.

In response to the species requirement, Applicants elect the 17th compound of new claim 51, which corresponds to the 17th compound of former claim 46: That is 5-(5-{[2-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl]amino}pentanoyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

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